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Firefighters' union calls Ayers 'incompetent and indifferent' They say evidence proves safety, tactics lacked at Kensington fire that killed two of city's Bravest {page 02}

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▶ A fire union official showed photographs of the Kensington warehouse blaze April 9 that left two firefighters dead. The union claims no "collapse zone" was established near a wall of an adjacent furniture store that eventually mortally wounded the firefighters.

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# Fire leaders won't fall on swords for fatal fire

Fire union blames top departments officials, demand resignations for fire that killed firefighters ◐ City says department leadership not a problem

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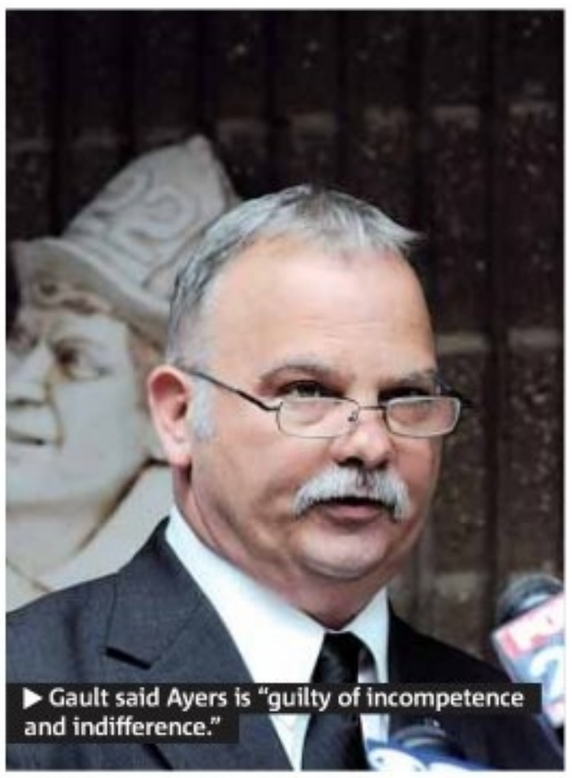
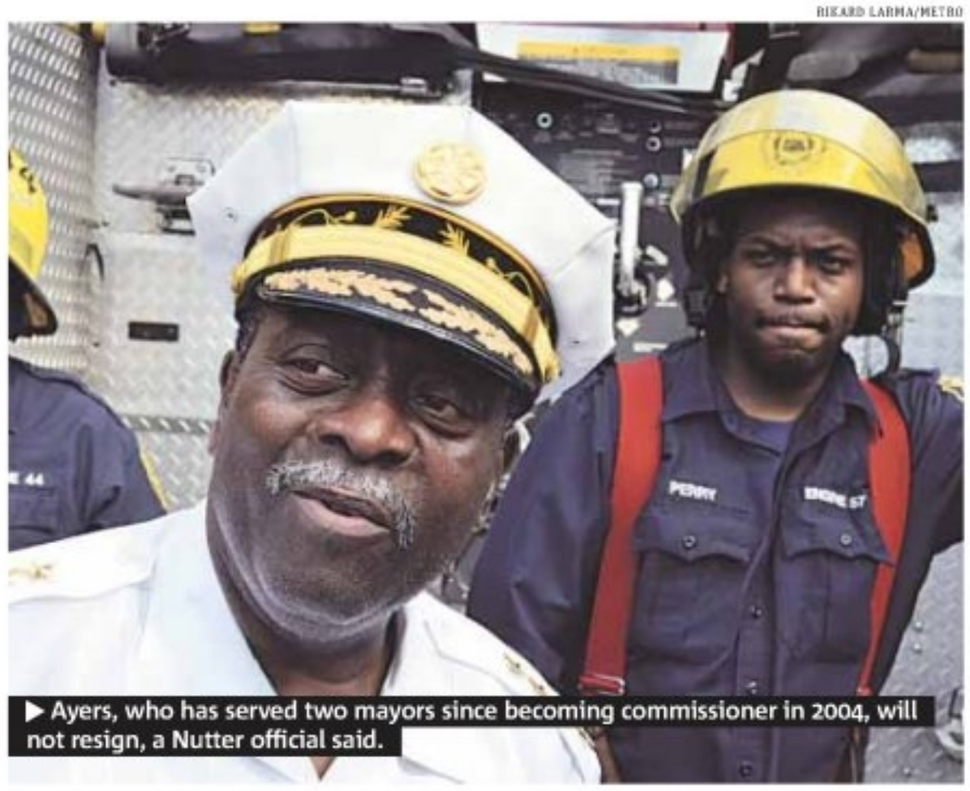


▶ Gault said Ayers is "guilty of incompetence and indifference."



▶ Ayers, who has served two mayors since becoming commissioner in 2004, will not resign, a Nutter official said.

Firefighters Local Union 22 called for the resignations of Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers and two deputies yesterday for their leadership shortcomings in the five-alarm blaze at Kensington's vacant Thomas W. Buck Hosiery Complex in April that killed Firefighter Lt. Robert Neary, 60, and Firefighter Daniel Sweeney, 25.

"We believe Commissioner Lloyd Ayers and Deputy Commissioners Ernest Hargett and John Devlin are all guilty of incompetence and indifference," Union President Bill Gault said.

But representatives of Mayor Michael Nutter's administration said they had "the utmost faith" in the department's leadership and no changes will occur. "Local 22, for whatever reason, feels it is in their best interest to come out with scandalous and scurrilous lies and information," Director of Public Safety Mike Resnick said, declining to comment further pending investigations by a grand jury and federal agencies.

**"We have no answers, we have more questions. But we know there was negligence on that job."** ELTMAN

Neary and Sweeney died when a wall collapsed at an adjacent furniture store. "The fire was under control and they were ordered to go into that building to check for an extension of the fire," Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Eltman said. He said union members have been speaking to firefighters who were on the scene and reviewing photos. "One of the chiefs stated that you can blame every white hat that was in the fire department — and he was on the ground."

"It makes no sense — you lose a building, [an entire] block square, and here you've got a section that's not even salvageable," he said. "Let the damn thing burn."

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## Proof is in the photos: Union

**PHILADELPHIA.** The proof, fire officials claim, is a small dark man-shaped blotch in the middle of the photographs they showed.

"The most egregious mistake was never establishing or maintaining a collapse zone," union secretary Mike Bresnan said, pointing to pictures showing a firefighter surrounded by crumbling properties and a supervisor on the building's top.

Bresnan said that those in charge should have conducted a risk-benefit analysis and instead limited the fire's spread to a controlled burn because there were no people inside. "This is a case where it's a furniture store. Who are we concerned about, the furniture?"

### Communications breakdown

**According to union leaders, there was a total breakdown in standard operating procedure that resulted in the following:**

- No risk-benefit analysis was conducted and firefighters who went inside the property were needlessly placed in harm's way after the fire's spread was contained and it became a controlled burn.
- No collapse zone was established around the perimeter of the building, even after some of the walls had crumbled.
- No more than five alarms were called for the fire though, due to its massive size and high winds carrying embers to surrounding properties, it should have been seven or eight alarms. One piece of equipment – a specialized aerial ladder – was asked for by firefighters and was unavailable.
- Ayers did not respond until after the fatal wall collapse and second-in-command Hargett was on the scene but never assumed command from Devlin because he was allegedly untrained to do so.

### In the news

## $69,300

The amount of money accidentally deposited by Wells Fargo into the bank account of Bensalem man Joseph Bucci, 22, who was charged with two felony counts of theft and receiving stolen property for allegedly failing to return the funds. By the time Wells Fargo caught the error, Bucci had spent all but $2,000 of it on food, clothing, furniture, a car, airline tickets and a pet dog, police said.

### In the news

**Transit calling out to Corbett**

Senate Democrats are urging Gov. Corbett to convene a special session to address transportation and infrastructure funding. The commonwealth leads the nation in the number of structurally deficient bridges and several transit agencies are also experiencing a budget crunch.

## Urban Outfitters beats market expectations

**PHILADELPHIA.** Urban Outfitters reported a quarterly profit Monday above market expectations as the clothing retailer managed to sell more women's apparel at regular prices.

Warmer-than-expected weather spurred sales of spring merchandise at several U.S. retailers in the first quarter. Urban Outfitters, however, warned that warm weather may have pulled forward sales from the second quarter.

REUTERS

## Bail set at $1.5M for AC murders

**NEW JERSEY.** Prosecutors said Philadelphia murder suspect Antoinette Pelzer, 44, used a 12-inch butcher knife to stab two Canadian tourists to death in Atlantic City Monday afternoon, according to reports.

She reportedly laughed as a judge read the charges against her.

Bail was set at $1.5 million. METRO/AW

## Cop charged in toy store thefts

**PHILADELPHIA.** Police officer Bridgette Paris, 48, was arrested Monday for her alleged involvement in an ongoing conspiracy to steal from a local toy store, police said.

Paris, a 14-year veteran of the department, was taken into custody following an investigation by the Internal Affairs Bureau.

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## By the numbers

Pennsylvania ranks among the bottom half of the nation in preventing injuries through policy, according to a new report released from the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The report used 10 key indicators states can use to prevent injuries, such as seat belts, motorcycle helmets and domestic violence.

**24**

Number of states who scored 5 or lower on a set of key indicators. Among them were Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

**9**

New York and California tied for the highest score, receiving nine out of a possible 10.

**12**

Number of states who scored 4 or lower, including many in the northwest region. Montana and Ohio received the lowest scores with a 2.

**59.4**

Injuries per 100,000 Pennsylvania residents that are caused by crashes and violence that eventually lead to death. The rate is slightly higher than the national average of 57.9

# Was it opera or pot that lured riders?

Leonard Lavender, the popular Philadelphia cab driver arrested by Radnor police for allegedly selling drugs to Villanova University students, was also well known for serenading passengers with opera songs, reports said yesterday.

Lavender, 59, was taken into custody Feb. 29 on Villanova's campus and charged with drug possession with the intent to distribute and criminal use of a communication facility, as reported by The Delaware County Times.

Detectives reportedly began an investigation after receiving word of Lavender's alleged activities from an informant. Police told the Times that an undercover officer bought marijuana from Lavender near the university's campus at least three times in two months, revealing a dial-up-and-delivery operation.

The arrest allegedly netted several bags of marijuana, a digital scale and cash from Lavender's Main Line Taxi cab. Lavender was arraigned and is out on bail. He waived a preliminary hearing April 5, according to the report.

The paper also has this gem of a quote from Detective Sgt. George Smith dubbing the enterprise a public safety hazard: "He was a supplier of drugs to a major university with thousands of students. It could have led to an overdose or someone walking out in front of a car because they were hopped up on marijuana."

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▶ Lavender could sing and drive — and allegedly sell pot — at the same time, police said.

### Aria weedwagon

- Lavender was the subject of a Philadelphia Inquirer article last October in which he was dubbed "the opera cabbie of the Main Line."
- He told the paper that he had 3,617 clients stored in his iPhone. A former dispatcher for Main Line Taxi was also quoted as saying that customers often requested "the opera cab."
- Though none of his clients were arrested, it seems some of them may have been patronizing Lavender for a whole host of other reasons.

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# Priests defend their boss

## Monsignor Lynn, accused of covering up sex abuse, showed compassion to victims, assistants testified Priests' defense began in landmark case

Two former colleagues of Monsignor William Lynn testified yesterday that he showed compassion when dealing with alleged victims of abuse, but that he never interviewed possible witnesses or contacted police.

Monsignors Michael McCulken and James Beisel were among the first witnesses called by the defense in the landmark sex-abuse case. Lynn, who oversaw priest assignments, is the first Catholic official in the United States charged with failing to protect children. The Rev. James Brennan is also on trial for alleged sexual abuse of a 14-year-old.

McCulken, who was Lynn's assistant from 1994 to 1997, testified that Lynn tried to calm the alleged victims.

"He would offer sorrow for what they had been through and assure them that the priests would be in [for questioning]," McCulken said.

He also said that Lynn was responsible for recommending initial treatment and follow-up care for accused priests.

But on cross-examination, McCulken admitted that Lynn never contacted police at the advice of the archdiocese legal counsel. He also said Lynn never reached out to potential eyewitnesses because he did not want to "stir up feelings."

Beisel, who assisted Lynn from 1993 to 1994, told jurors Lynn recommended psychological evaluations for all accused priests, even though each of them denied the allegations.

Prosecutors hammered Beisel on cross-examination about a list containing names of dozens of priests against whom claims had been substantiated. Beisel handwrote a list, he said, but failed to mention that to a 2004 grand jury. There were also two typed versions of the list recovered that he told an investigator in February he had never seen, but yesterday Beisel said he was not sure if he had seen the list.

### On defense

**Here's a look at testimony yesterday and in the past.**

- Monsignor Joseph Garvin, former secretary for Catholic Human Services, was the first defense witness. He testified that Lynn could recommend a transfer for priests, but the ultimate decision was made by the cardinal.
- Monsignor Michael McCulken, Lynn's assistant from 1994 to 1997, said he and Lynn were part of a three-person staff responsible for investigating all abuse claims. In or around 2002, four separate offices were created in response to the sex-abuse allegations that rocked the Boston Archdiocese, including one office headed by a former prosecutor.
- In testimony to a 2004 grand jury, Monsignor James Beisel said Lynn tried to "entice him" to work as Lynn's assistant because they were friends, but yesterday he denied that assertion.
- At one point during cross-examination, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Blessington asked Beisel, "Are you trying to help your friend?" Veisel replied, "No, I'm trying to help get to the truth."

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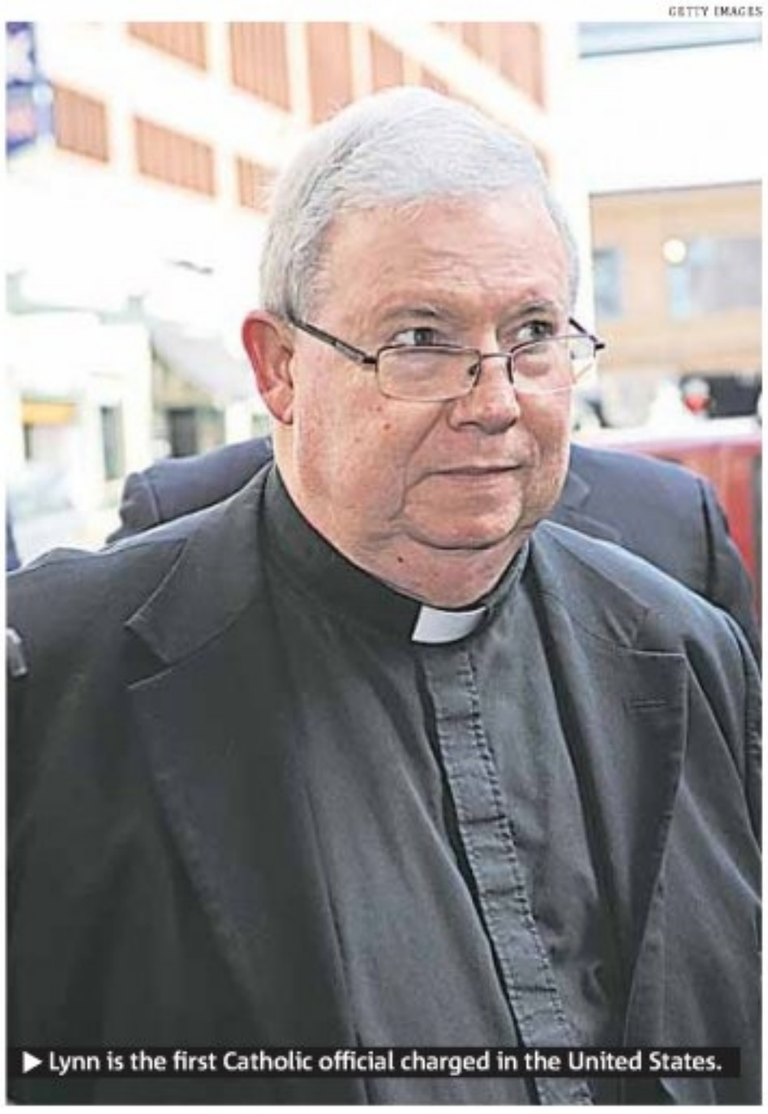

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# Comcast leaves home with Wi-Fi phone app

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▶ Comcast announced Monday that it is teaming up with other large American cable companies to create a nationwide network of more than 50,000 Wi-Fi hot spots.

Comcast, the biggest U.S. cable carrier, will let home-phone customers make calls using iPads, smartphones and other mobile devices anywhere they have Internet access, intensifying competition with wireless carriers.

Using a Comcast application, customers can make and receive calls from those devices when they're connected to the Web via a Wi-Fi hot spot or a wireless data plan, the Center City-based corporate giant said yesterday in a statement. There is no extra charge for the calls, which are connected to the customer's home phone number. The service is only available to subscribers buying Comcast voice and broadband.

Comcast, which provides TV, landline phone and Internet service, is expanding beyond the home to fend off phone companies such as Verizon and AT&T, which are offering broadband and wireless-Internet service that could replace the need for a cable subscription.

"We're bringing customers features they otherwise would have thought they'd only get from their mobile providers," Comcast Executive Vice President Cathy Avgiris said.

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**The service competes against wireless carriers' voice plans, which typically start at $39.99 a month, as well as Internet-calling services such as Skype.**

The new Comcast feature, called Voice 2go, will allow customers to make calls using free Wi-Fi networks in parks and cafes or a wireless-data connection from a phone company. The application lets Comcast phone customers forward calls from their home numbers to mobile devices, and calls can be received as long as the device is connected to the Internet. Subscribers can limit incoming calls by accepting only those from specific phone numbers.

Comcast added a net of 164,000 phone customers in the first quarter, less than analysts' average estimate of 187,000. **BLOOMBERG**

## Church challenges health care in Pennsylvania

**PENNSYLVANIA.** The Catholic Church and related universities, charities and health care groups sued the Obama administration in a bid to overturn a requirement that their health plans cover birth control.

Forty-three Catholic organizations, including the archdioceses of Washington and New York, the University of Notre Dame and Catholic University of America, filed 12 suits yesterday in courts around the country, saying the mandate violates religious freedom and free-speech rights. They asked federal judges to bar the mandate's application to religious institutions or overturn it altogether.

The lawsuits were filed in Pennsylvania, Washington, New York, Texas, Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. **BLOOMBERG**

## Effort in Pa. to defund health group

**HARRISBURG.** State lawmakers who introduced legislation called "Whole Woman's Health Funding Priority Act" will hold a press conference with pro-life advocates this morning in the Capitol complex pushing for more support.

The proposal "would prioritize state family planning funding to entities that provide comprehensive 'whole woman' care, while restricting family planning funds from going to entities that perform abortions such as Planned Parenthood," officials said in a statement. **METRO**

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## Flight lands after woman's 'suspicious behavior'

**WASHINGTON.** A US Airways flight from Paris to Charlotte, N.C., was diverted to an airport in Maine where it landed safely after reports of a passenger showing "suspicious behavior," U.S. officials said yesterday.

Two fighter jets were scrambled in response to the incident on US Airways Flight 787, which landed safely in Bangor, Maine.

House Homeland Security Chairman Peter King said a female passenger, who was a French citizen born in Cameroon, handed a note to a flight attendant saying she had a surgically implanted device.

"Doctors on the flight checked her out and did not see any sign of recent scars," King said. **REUTERS**

**Space.** History

▶ NASA is counting on companies like SpaceX to take over the task of flying cargo — and eventually astronauts — to the space station, which orbits about 240 miles above Earth.

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## Rocket lifts off for space station trial run

**An unmanned rocket owned by privately held Space Exploration Technologies blasted off yesterday for a mission designed to be the first commercial flight to the International Space Station. The Falcon 9 rocket lifted off at 3:44 a.m. from a refurbished launch pad just south of where NASA launched its now-retired space shuttles. Less than 10 minutes later, the rocket delivered its cargo — a Dragon capsule with 1,200 pounds of supplies — into orbit. REUTERS**

# Facebook trails off, regulators call for review

Facebook's shares fell sharply again yesterday and two top U.S. financial regulators called for a review of the circumstances surrounding its troubled initial public offering last week.

The separate calls for review, by Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro and FINRA Chairman Rick Ketchum, added pressure on the company, its underwriters and the Nasdaq, all of which have taken blame for the stock's harried opening and subsequent sharp decline.

After Friday's nearly flat close and Monday's 11 percent plunge, Facebook shares were down 5.9 percent at $32.01 in midafternoon trading. At that price the company has shed more than $16 billion in market capitalization from its $38-per-share offering price last week.

Volume was again heavy, with 74 million shares changing hands. That followed turnover of 168 million shares Monday and 581 million on IPO day.

With Facebook shares all but impossible to sell short, investors have sought out almost any related vehicle to bet against the social network. Over the past three trading days, prices plunged on two closed-end funds that owned pre-IPO shares. Firsthand Technology Value Fund and GSV Capital Corp. both dropped more than 25 percent even though their Facebook holdings make up only a small fraction of assets.

**REUTERS**

## News in pictures: Joplin, one year later

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**1** A wall is raised on a Habitat for Humanity house being built to replace one that was destroyed one year ago yesterday after the town was hit by a catastrophic tornado on May 22, 2011 in Joplin, Mo.

**2** Dawna Middleton and Bill Cook share a moment together during a prayer service in front of the iron cross that is all that remains of St. Mary's church.

**3** The EF-5 tornado devastated the town, leaving behind a path of destruction. There were 161 deaths and hundreds of injuries, but one year later there are signs that the town is beginning to recover.

### Bain record is fair game

**WASHINGTON.** A top supporter of Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney acknowledged yesterday that the candidate's business record with Bain Capital is fair game in the battle for the White House, but only if seen as a whole.

Former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, a Romney adviser, accused President Barack Obama's campaign of cherry-picking by running ads that only focus on Bain investments that were unsuccessful. **REUTERS**

### Iran nuke deal may be near

**AMMAN.** Global powers will present Iran with a detailed proposal including confidence-building measures when the two sides meet in Baghdad today for talks on Tehran's nuclear program, a senior Western official said yesterday. Officials voiced caution heading into today's meeting, but said the Western-led coalition was ready to make an offer on a way forward if Iran showed willingness to curb its nuclear program in a transparent way. **REUTERS**

# When it's time to stop eating

Obesity has become a more serious problem than smoking in the U.S., affecting 35 percent of adults and costing hundreds of billions of dollars. Researchers from Cornell University may have found a colorful solution to overeating.

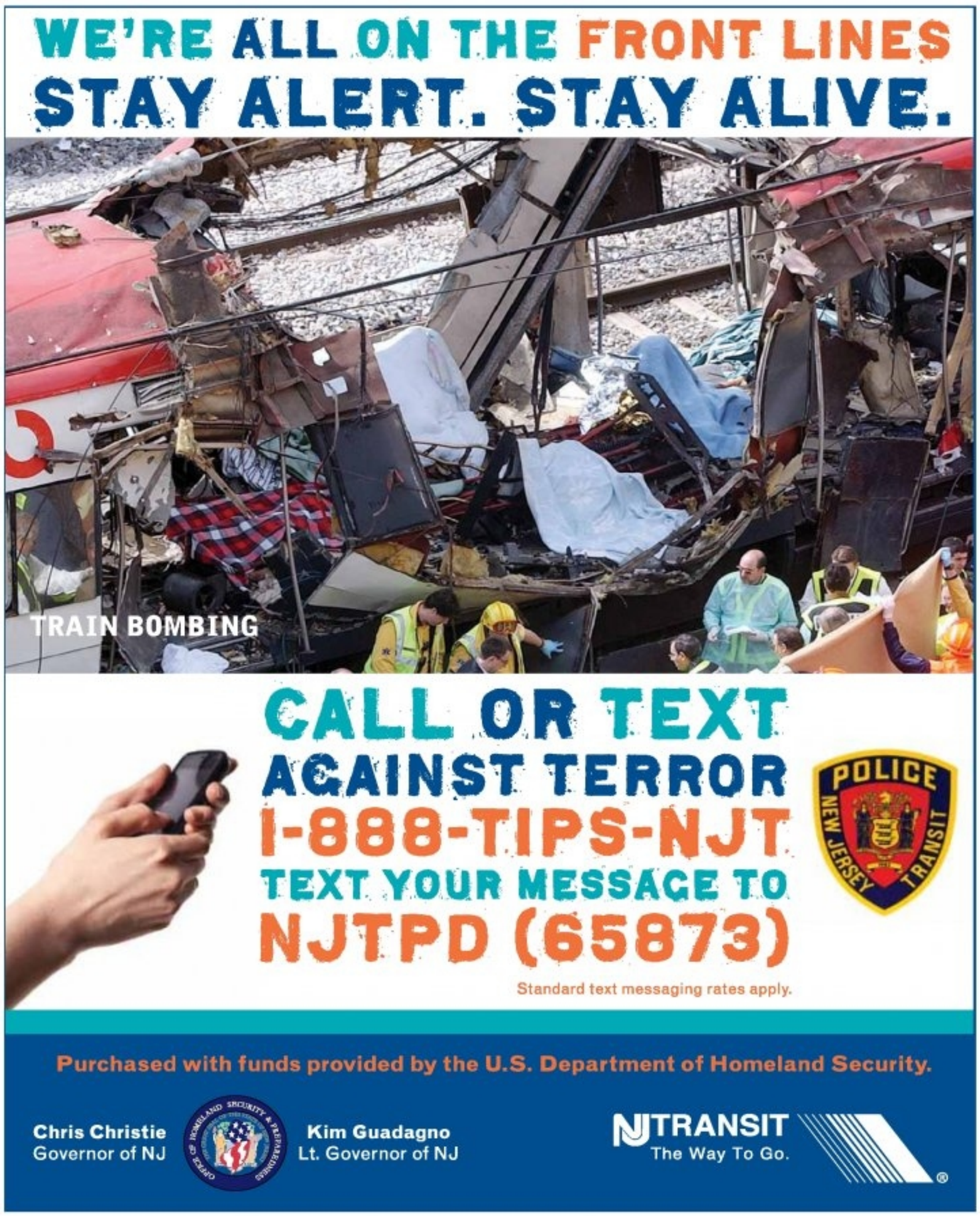
An experiment conducted on 98 college students found that people ate less when confronted by edible "stop signs." The research team inserted chips that had been dyed red at regular intervals of five to seven into a regular tube. On average, these students ate 52 percent less than those eating from normal tubes, researchers claimed.

"We find they provide an interruption, they say 'am I really that hungry?'" lead researcher and author of "Mindless Eating" Brian Walsink told Metro. "The people didn't know what the red chips meant but almost all of them ate one or two past it and then stopped."

Walsink attributes the findings to a disruption of the widespread "auto-eater" syndrome. "We are almost all mindless eaters and even the most controlled person is not aware of how food influences them," he said. **MWN**

### Corroboration

While Walsink denies that the color red played a role, research from doctoral psychologists Oliver Genschow and Leonie Reutner this year found that "The presence of the color red reduces snack food and soft drink intake." In their study, subjects ate and drank significantly less from red containers than other colors.

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# Bankers' beneficiaries back their paymasters

▶ Cory Booker, left, stood with President Obama at least as far back as 2009, when the two campaigned with Sen. Loretta Weinberg and former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine — another finance bigwig, having presided over Goldman Sachs and, more recently, bankrupted MF Global.

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It can be hard to tell who's winning the Bain Capital debate that's been roiling political circles this week. Oh sure, diehard partisans will insist their message is getting across and that their opponents are flailing, but we certainly needn't believe them. Yet there is a winner, and that winner is us.

It started on Sunday talk show "Meet the Press" when Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker, a Democrat, criticized an ad put out by President Obama's re-election campaign. Booker judged the attack ad — which contrasted Mitt Romney's touted business experience with the lives destroyed in the wake of his company's highly profitable machinations — as "nauseating," explaining that it made him "very uncomfortable."

The fallout began immediately. Republicans pounced on the quotes, while Booker quickly walked them back, clarifying — and then re-clarifying — that he in fact stands with Obama 100 percent.

But the damage — or rather, opportunity — had been done. With no haste, another pair of Democrats, former Tennessee pol Harold Ford Jr. and Obama's former "auto czar" Steve Rattner, jumped aboard the Free Private Equity bandwagon, and Team Romney spun it all as an Obama attack on freedom.

Yet it's not too difficult to suss out what is going on here. Ford is currently a managing director for Morgan Stanley. Rattner co-founded a private equity firm and worked for Lehman Brothers, Morgan Stanley and others. Booker is a sitting politician whose job is directly linked to the financial sector: Bain and other similar firms contributed hundreds of thousands to his last election.

"I'm not about to sit here and indict private equity," Booker said. No, he's not, but not due to any strong moral convictions. Booker and his compatriots have a clear conflict of interest here; in Washington as elsewhere, you don't bite the hand that feeds you.

But nor must we eat from the hand that bites us. (Pardon the strained metaphor.) The financial industry bankrolls the entire political complex, making it practically impossible to oversee. Any time the conversation gets shifted to the real levers of power, and the arms that pull them, is a moment when we can honestly discuss the problems before us.

Is Romney gaining the upper hand? Did Obama score points? Who knows? Let's linger on this accidental peek into the smoke-filled room.

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**Priorities USA, the super PAC supporting President Obama's re-election campaign, released an ad of its own, featuring quotes from Republicans attacking Romney's Bain record:**

▶ "It's the ultimate insult when Mitt Romney comes to South Carolina and tells you he feels your pain — because he caused it. ... There is something inherently wrong when getting rich off failure and sticking it to someone else is how you do your business." **Rick Perry**

▶ **"[They] loot companies, leave behind broken families, broken towns."**
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▶ "Governor Romney has claimed to have created over 100,000 jobs at Bain, and people are wanting to know: Is there proof of that claim? ... And that's fair, that's not negative campaigning." **Sarah Palin**

▶ **"Governor Romney enjoys firing people."**
**JON HUNTSMAN**

▶ "While Mitt Romney was at Bain Capital, almost one out of every four companies they were involved with went bankrupt ..." **John Brabender**

# Millennials are the new poverty class

Does America have a new poverty class that leans closer to Charles Dickens than it does to Charles Darwin?

OK, maybe "survival of the fittest" doesn't have much to do with it, or at least it isn't the most compelling reason that younger Americans have fallen into the poverty class. After all, the "bad luck" generation hit their early 20s in the teeth of an economic gale — which hasn't really abated for them.

But the data doesn't lie, and it does support the notion that younger U.S. adults are sinking into poverty.

Right now, the U.S. unemployment rate for the age 20-24 demographic stands at 13.5 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, compared to 8.1 percent for the general population.

**51%** Those making less than $25,000 in annual income who reported using prepaid debit cards during the past year.

Besides the larger realization among Millennials — and many economists — that between automation and outsourcing, good job opportunities are scarce, younger adults are moving back into their parents' houses because they're broke.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 5.9 million young adults between the ages of 25 and 34 lived with their parents by 2011, up from 4.7 million in 2008. The agency also says that 45 percent of those "double-uppers" generate incomes that are below the poverty lines.

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▶ More Millennials are moving back in with mom and dad.

# Catholic order head admits hiding scandal

**ROME.** The leader of the Legionaries of Christ admitted yesterday he knew for years the scandal-plagued Roman Catholic order's most famous priest had fathered a child but still allowed the popular cleric to preach about morality.

The order, still reeling from revelations that its founder was a sex abuser and drug addict with two secret families, suffered another major blow last week when it admitted that Father Thomas Williams, an American based in Rome, also had led a double life.

But the question that had been left hanging after the first admission was how long Williams' superiors knew.

In a letter to members published on the order's website, the order's leader, Father Alvaro Corcuera, said he found out about Williams's child "early in my new assignment" as director-general, which began in 2005. **REUTERS**

## 1940 census data released for first time

**NEW YORK.** Actress Ginger Rogers won an Oscar, McDonald's opened its first restaurant, there were only 48 U.S. states, and the average annual salary was $1,299.

The year was 1940. Actor Al Pacino was an infant. James and Mary were the most popular baby names, and the 132 million people living in the United States took part in a national census that was released last month by the National Archives and Record Administration after a 72-year embargo required by law.

Unlike earlier censuses, which were released on microfilm, the 1940 census is now available online. **REUTERS**


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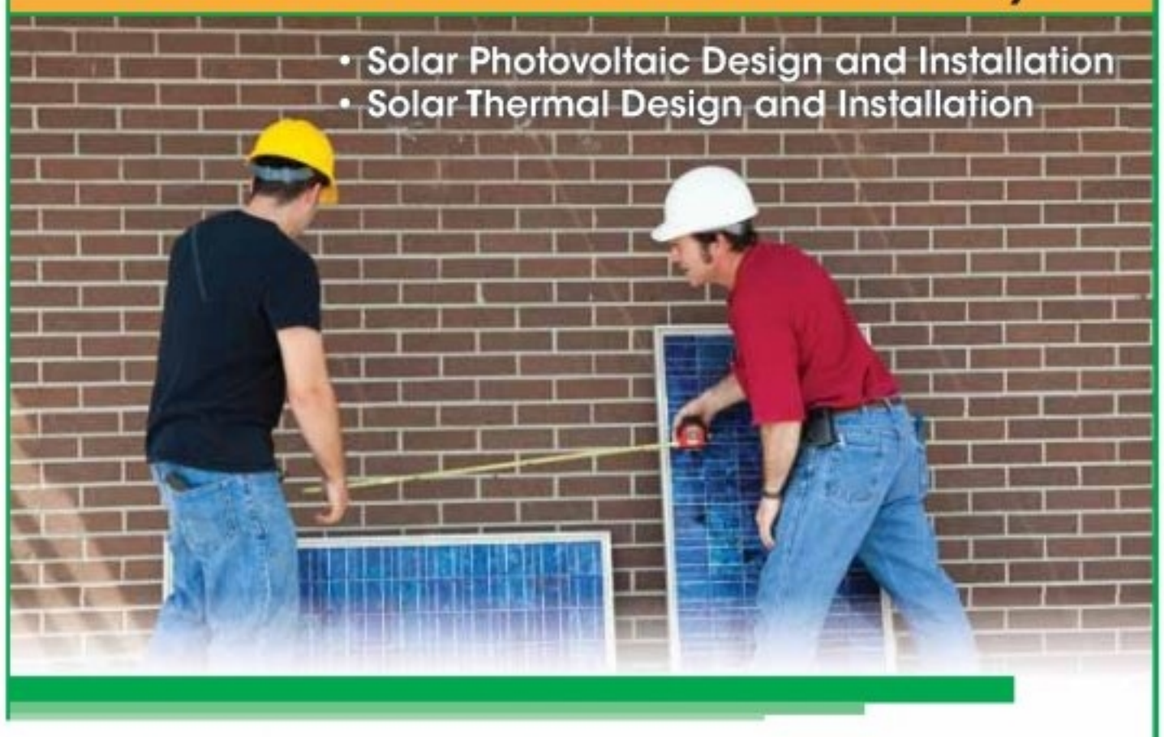

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

## The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Seth MacFarlane has motion sickness, Nicole Richie is keeping it together and Kirstie Alley is up early.

**@SethMacFarlane**
Dear Hollywood: It's time to retire the "found footage" movie genre and start holding the camera steady again. I'm getting queasy.

**@nicolerichie**
I don't cry when I get my bangs trimmed, so I'm pretty sure I don't need therapy anymore

**@kirstiealley**
PS. since when do FedX guys come at 6:45 AM??

# Mendes, Gosling as boring as us

As you may know, **Ryan Gosling** and **Eva Mendes** have been holding hands, going on coffee runs and otherwise surfacing every Sunday afternoon looking adorable together.

But it now seems that last month's breakup rumors might not have been purely the work of jealous gossip columnists. After accompanying Gosling to Thailand for a film shoot and playing house, Mendes wants to make it official and share a Netflix account, according to Us Weekly.

"He says he wants to slow down and not live with her yet," a questionable friend tells the magazine, adding that Gosling is growing distant while Mendes is learning to cook. "But he doesn't want to lose her."

We get that these two are merely humans under their impossibly beautiful facades, but would it kill them to add a little glamour for our viewing pleasure? We can watch this scenario play out in a Target parking lot.

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▶ Don't you have a dishwasher fight to attend to, Ryan?

## Nothing bronze can stay

Mama-to-be **Snooki** won't be crashing in the "Jersey Shore" house this summer, reports TMZ. Instead, she'll rent a peaceful private pad nearby for the filming of Season 6, leaving recently rehabbed **The Situation** on his own with the boozy roommates.

We'll give the show one more shot, but as soon as **Ronnie** skips the club to watch "House" reruns, we're out.

Snooki

## Why, Internet?

The Internet's a strange, dark, little marketplace, but even we weren't ready for this: A mystery bidder paid $18,000 for a pair of underwear once worn by **Queen Elizabeth**. The royal undies were placed on eBay by the estate of the late **Joseph de Bicske Dobronyi**, a sculptor who claimed Her Majesty left them on a private plane.

We have so many questions — and yet, we're pretty sure we don't want any answers.

## Will Smith has his eye on the White House

In an interview with the BBC, **Will Smith** says he'd not only like to play **Barack Obama**, but he's pretty sure the part is his someday. "It's about the ears! You know, people see the ears, and Barack and I both have the ears," he says. "So I'm the most natural choice."

We're on board — but only if he can work in an encore of **Bill Pullman**'s epic "Independence Day" speech.

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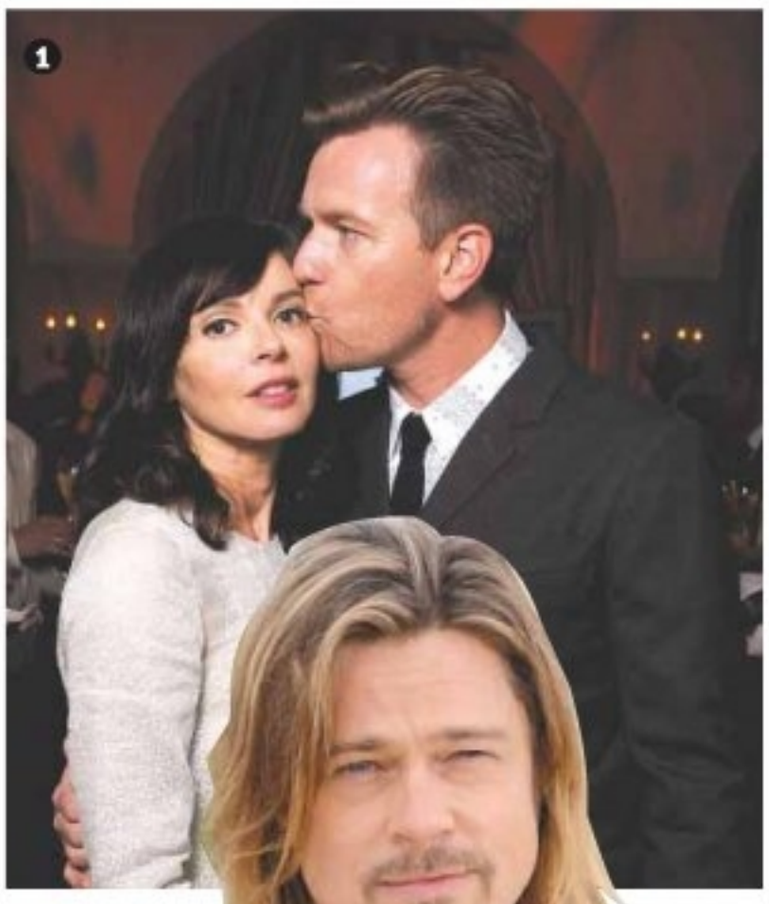

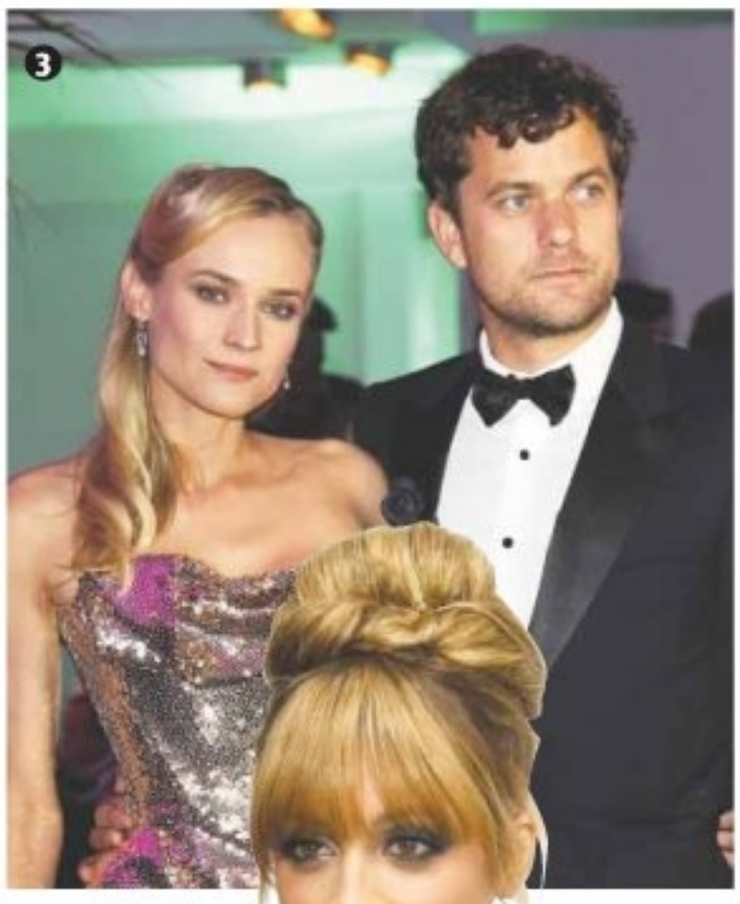

## Today in parties we'd like an invite to

**1:** Sneak attack kiss! **Ewan McGregor** and wife **Eve Mavrakis** stopped by the superswank Filmmakers Dinner at the Cannes Film Festival on Monday.

**2:** A fresh-off-the-beach **Gerard Butler** was also at the Filmmakers Dinner.

**3: Diane Kruger** and boyfriend Joshua Jackson stepped out at the Cannes anniversary party. True or false: She gets to call him **Pacey** on special occasions.

**4:** You heard us, **Brad**: Your Cannes hair looks like a B-team **Jennifer Aniston** bob.

**5:** We love the retro-hot **Nicole Richie** pulled out for the Fifi Awards in New York on Monday night.

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▶ Tupper

# Is David Clarke really dead on 'Revenge'? Star James Tupper has the answers

America's guilty pleasure nighttime soap, "Revenge," wraps its first season tonight at 10 on ABC. Fans of the show have been hit with twists and turns since its September premiere, so we enlisted star James Tupper, who plays the (supposedly) murdered David Clarke on the series, for some clarity as to what's really going on in this Hamptons murder mystery.

**What can you tell us about tonight's finale?**

[Creator Mike Kelley] is amazing because he's really an artist. What he's managed to figure out is this incredible, intricate, detailed story where every week it seems that every single person is in peril. [Laughs.] It's fun for us because we crack open a new script and at the end of a reading, everybody's like, "Oh, my God, I'm going to jail?" "This person's dead?" He's great at surprising people constantly.

**How much do you know about what's going to happen in future episodes?**

I'm following it like everybody else. We get it probably six weeks before you guys and we just read it then make it. But I have a general idea where it's going. At the front of every script there's a big confidentiality agreement that we all sign. So, I'm not gonna tell you, but I will tell you that it's alarming. He's not locked into having all the same characters.

**Is your character really dead?**

My God, I have to tell you: I was pushing a stroller with my 3-year-old in it, and a woman yelled at me from across the street, like, "You're not dead, are you?" It's the question I get asked the most often and I get asked everywhere. It's fine, I love it. I love how invested people are in it — it's awesome. You know, as far as I know, I think I'm dead so far.

**The rumor is that star Emily VanCamp is dating her co-star, Josh Bowman, who plays Daniel.**

I heard that rumor. I can't confirm or deny it. I really don't know, actually. I mean, they get along great on set. They're discreet.

## Good to be guilty

**How do you feel about the show being a guilty pleasure?**

When I first started getting interviewed about the show, they were like, "I'm calling it my guilty pleasure." I realized that it's so fun to be that dramatic, and allow yourself to go there that people feel guilty. [Laughs.] I think "Revenge" is a lot of fun wrapped up in this sinister, pretty serious world where lots of things are at stake.

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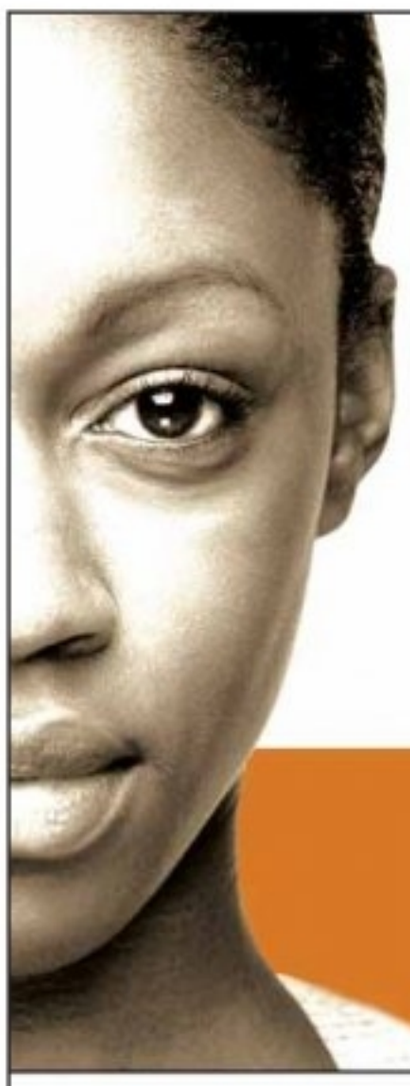

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# Pinterest for your bucket list

A new social network has an interesting premise: connecting people around the world based on what they want to do before they die.

Called "My Last Wish," the app encourages users to post wishes on a "Wish Wall" and then befriend others who might share their dreams.

"I believed in the possibility that there can be two persons in this world with the same hopes, dreams and wishes," Kirtan Thaker, co-founder of the White Lotus Corporation, the group behind the app, told Mashable.

▶ Find someone online who also wants to skydive, and maybe you'll also discover true love.

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When sharing a wish, users can also choose to attach their e-mail address or phone number so others that share their dream can connect with them. Tapping on a person's contact information within the app will add their information to the contacts list in your phone. You can also receive push notifications when people add wishes to the wall.

A palm icon appears beside wishes, allowing you to "aLike" a wish you share, or "give a five" to that person to express your support for their wish and become friends.

While definitely a little morbid, and certainly out of the ordinary, the app already has a little bit of a following. Posted wishes range from things such as traveling the world to writing a book. Thaker says that the ultimate goal behind the app is to help people make friends that share similar hopes and dreams — or even help someone potentially find his or her soul mate.

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## TV watch list

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▶ "American Idol"

### 'American Idol'

**REALITY.** Can teen sensation Jessica Sanchez become the first gal to win the title of "American Idol" since Jordin Sparks in 2007? Or will Dave Matthews doppelganger Phillip Phillips strum his way to victory (and a lifetime on the summer festival circuit, though that already seems to be a given). The votes are tallied and the Season 11 champ is revealed tonight.
**Season finale, 8 p.m., Fox**

### 'Man-Eating Super Croc'

**REALITY.** What sounds like a Syfy Original Movie is actually a real-life chronicle of one team's hunt for a creature that has been terrorizing a Philippine village.
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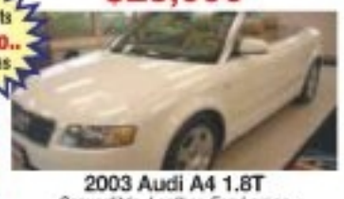

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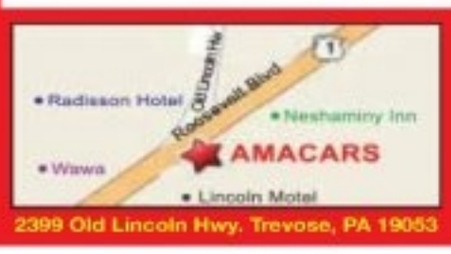


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# Dr. Oz's best bets for your grocery cart

**According to Dr. Mehmet Oz, getting healthy isn't about living longer, it's about living and looking better today Start your health journey on the right foot with your next trip to the supermarket What to stock up on — and what to avoid**

## Not on his list

**The five foods to never load into your grocery cart if you're trying to lose weight:**

**Simple sugars or carbohydrates:** Cakes, ice cream, white bread ... all empty calories. As these are rapidly absorbed into the blood stream, they cause a spike in your blood sugar levels, giving you a short-term energy. This then triggers an insulin reaction, leaving you feeling tired and hungry.

**Ingredients you can't pronounce:** Does "thiamine mononitrate" or "partially hydrogenated soybean oil" sound good? If you can't pronounce the first five ingredients, put it down.

**Foods with deceptive labels, like "low in fat":** They've had to make up for the lack of flavor somehow, and that somehow is heaps of sugar and salt.

**Canned foods high in sodium:** Many canned foods are so full of salt they can contain more than half of your daily recommended intake. Too much sodium in your diet can give you high blood pressure.

**Fried foods:** Frying food dramatically increases the fat content, as oil is absorbed into whatever it is you have cooked. Choosing the right oils, like olive or sunflower, will make frying a little healthier.

## His shopping list

**Add these to your shopping list for a health boost:**

- **Broccoli:** The ultimate green superfood cleanses the liver and helps fight off cancer.
- **100 percent whole grain bread:** Who says you have to give up carbs? This is a great way to get in fiber, which makes you feel full and reduces the risk of colon cancer.
- **Milk:** The perfect way to get your daily calcium dose — unless you are lactose intolerant. Choose 2 percent — it tastes the same as full-fat and also has less sugar.
- **Nuts:** Almonds, walnuts and cashews are full of omega-3s and encourage smart snacking.
- **Green tea:** It boasts antioxidants and contains low levels of caffeine, so it won't make you feel hyperactive.
- **Quinoa:** The supergrain is rich in fiber and protein, and happens to be gluten-free.
- **Fruits and vegetables:** Eat unlimited amounts, as they contain a multitude of vitamins and minerals only found in natural foods.

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## American evolution is a real brain drain

I've just visited the Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., which has an excellent display on human origins. Many Americans need to visit that museum urgently. That so many of us deny evolution and believe in astrology merely shows how close to the Dark Ages we really are. If nearly half the population rejects the most basic scientific discoveries of the past 500 years, I wonder how many of them believe in gravity or Earth's motion around the sun. This has a practical effect. It means that percentage of people cannot work in any of the natural sciences. The collective brainpower of the United States is running at half-speed.

**DARRELL SCHWEITZER, PHILADELPHIA**

## We must stand together, or alone

**RE: "SOCIAL COMPACT WITH GRANDPARENTS DENIED":** Mr. Charlesworth, I just have one question for you: Why should young people care about the health care, earned or not, of old people if old people don't care about the health care of young people? We need to think as ourselves as citizens who all need health care equally; till then everyone will — little by little — lose.

**SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL**

## I'm with Booker: Romney not viable

I stand with Cory Booker! Not in the manipulative, cynical way the GOP would hope, but with the way Mayor Booker and President Obama stand. There's nothing wrong with private equity, but there's more to providing opportunity to the whole country than Mitt Romney's experience can offer.

**SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL**

## Race and sexuality are no bedfellows

**RE: "DISTURBING TO SEE PRIDEFUL HATRED":** How come when people of any other race express their political or moral beliefs they are not seen as prideful, but as expressing their American viewpoint. But when a black person doesn't agree with "the norm," they are considered religious and not recognizing their history. Well, I have one thing to say to this: Black people know where we came from and where we are going. Nothing is equal. So if we wanna protect the one thing that is the norm — marriage — then so be it.

**NICOLE PEARSALL, VIA E-MAIL**

In response to the letter-writer who finds it disturbing and hypocritical to hear some black people say that marriage should be between a man and a woman, let me enlighten you a bit. This wasn't a black people idea. This was God's idea. I am a black man 24/7 and I can't change that. I have known gay people who decided that they weren't gay anymore. I wish I could flip-flop with my race, but I can't.

**CARLOS SWABY, VIA E-MAIL**

## Bush lied about costs of US wars

**RE: "JUDGING BUSH: DID HE TANK ECONOMY?":** The major reason the federal deficit ballooned in the past few years is that the costs of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars were "off budget" during the entire tenure of the Bush administration. We may never know the full financial cost.

**KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

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# Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Co-workers who usually back your intentions when it comes to career matters may be nowhere to be found when you need their allegiance most.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You should give your utmost attention to your duties and responsibilities. If you try to sweep things under the rug, all that'll result will be large lumps that will surely trip you up.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be smart and avoid all forms of speculative involvements. Be especially careful not to gamble on the abilities or talents of another. It's tough enough taking a chance on your own situation.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's important to weigh all sides of an important issue. Yet if you're unduly analytical, you might be crippled or defeated by your own indecisiveness.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Even though you're a creative person, it's still important to follow productive methods. Be careful not to go to such extremes that you stray from a solid path.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Sometimes the best foods aren't necessarily found in establishments that have the most expensive menus. If you are out wining and dining, keep this in mind.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Try not to turn your home into a military camp. If you make the rules too tough or rigid, the troops will eventually rebel.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If some of your co-workers have been doing things that bug you or make you feel uncomfortable lately, this might not be the best day to bring it up. It could be smarter to keep mum for the nonce.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Being in the company of those who can afford to spend lavishly might leave you at odds with your wallet. Don't make the mistake of trying to operate on a high-society budget.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Unless you are of singular purpose, certain objectives that you hoped to get done won't be accomplished. Attempting several jobs simultaneously could cause you to cross wires.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You'll know what is expected of you, yet you simply might not want to comply. However, guard against any inclination to pass the buck, because it will come back to haunt you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** This isn't going to be one of your better days for handling your personal resources or, as a matter of fact, the resources of others. Be especially careful in all financial situations.

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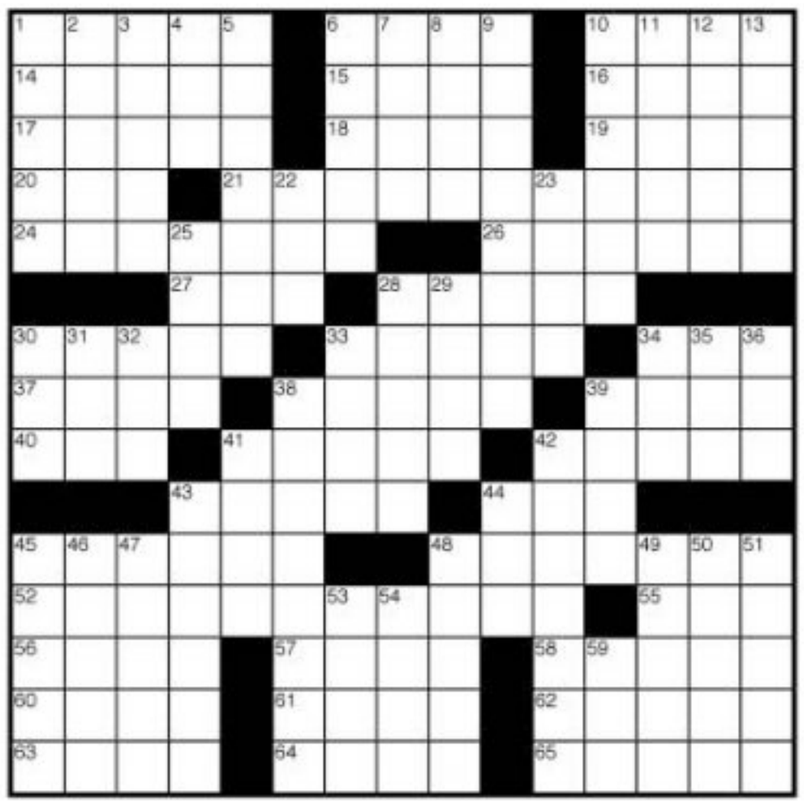

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**War of words?**

**James, Wade call out Granger**

Danny Granger isn't backing down from LeBron James and Dwyane Wade. The Miami Heat stars think he is trying to instigate fights.

"He's said he's not scared of LeBron, I want to let [James] know. I guess he's doing it for his own psyche. It's stupid," James told reporters.

Granger responded by saying Indiana is playing with a chip on its shoulder.

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# SIXERS GIVING US REASON FOR THE SEASON

**The Sixers have learned a great deal about themselves in their exciting run through two rounds of the playoffs, but now comes the real test. Can they grow from the soon-to-be-completed season and take the next big steps leading to a championship?**

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I know, I know. It's not over. A team that has defied logic so many times might do it one more time and jolt the Celtics in Game 6. But reality can't be denied forever. The Celtics are better in so many ways, failure is inevitable. The current playoff series may be an exercise in futility, but it has revealed a great deal about the team and its future. For example:

▶ **Philadelphia can still be a terrific basketball city.**

Did anyone think it was possible to sell out the arena and bring back the electric atmosphere of a decade ago? No, not one person, and that includes the eternal optimist, Adam Aron. The new CEO said on my WIP radio show that he expected it to take "three or four years" to create what the Sixers had in Game 4.

**Quoted**

**Basketball is back, at least until the Sixers give us a reason for it not to be.**

When Andre Iguodala launched the improbable three-pointer that sealed the comeback win — from 18 points behind — the explosion rivaled the greatest in recent Philadelphia sports history. Basketball is back, at least until the Sixers give us a reason for it not to be.

▶ **Andre Iguodala has major value.**

The most amazing part of the Sixers' revival has been Iguodala's clutch play. Not only did he single-handedly win Game 6 against Chicago with his heroic end-to-end dash, but he also stepped up in the final big moments of Game 4 against Boston. After eight seasons of frustration, Iguodala has matured.

▶ Iguodala

And that's why he should leave. He will never be appreciated here, but a contender will look at his undeniable defensive skills and new-found endgame, and they will be eager to absorb his big contract and send along some good young talent. There will never be a better time to unload Iguodala.

▶ **The owners are capable, and they care.**

The blasé Ed Snider/Comcast era is mercifully over, replaced by a consortium of New York investors who are committed to winning. This is the most encouraging of all developments in 2011-12 because it bodes well for the immediate future. The new guys are smart, accessible and are determined to be as successful in basketball as they have been as businessmen.

Are they bold enough to make sweeping changes after such a successful debut? Will they break up the chemistry-free Jrue Holiday-Evan Turner backcourt? Do they understand the need to build a real champion, and not to waste time by basking in a one-year playoff phenomenon?

Hey, at least questions like these are finally worth asking again. After a decade of decline, there is hope. Real, honest-to-goodness hope. Hallelujah.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 to 10 a.m.*

# New sheriff in town

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▶ Banner

Something very strange is happening behind the scenes at the Eagles. The public face of management is no longer president Joe Banner. Now his protege, the more affable and upbeat Howie Roseman, deals with public responsibilities.

Meanwhile, coach Andy Reid has reclaimed his seat at the negotiating table, nudging Banner aside. These developments lead to an obvious question: What has happened to Joe Banner?

According to Drew Rosenhuis, Reid's presence during the talks on a five-year extension for LeSean McCoy was the key. Extensions for Todd Herremans, Trent Cole and DeSean Jackson all have Reid's fingerprints smeared on the contracts. Clearly, owner Jeff Lurie is giving Reid the power to determine his own fate.

Roseman, who smiles more than a Miss America contestant, is an even more intriguing proxy for Banner. He has absolutely no track record for success, and yet he is the new voice of the front office. Is he an upgrade over Banner as spokesman? Oscar the Grouch would be an upgrade over Banner.

But where does this leave Banner, who is most responsible for the team's reputation as one of the best-run franchises in sports and the person who made Lurie a billionaire? The best guess is that Banner is still there, pushing his agenda with less noise, but no less force.

What has happened to Banner? He's in there somewhere. Any executive who makes his boss a billionaire never really fades away.

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▶ Carlos Ruiz is the embodiment of quiet efficiency.

# Silent leader

Carlos Ruiz is among the best defensive catchers in the game. He is having a career year at the plate. And he is invisible. What does a sports hero have to do to get noticed around here?

With the booming bats of Chase Utley and Ryan Howard out indefinitely, the quietest Phillie has answered the distress signal. Not only has Ruiz moved into the big RBI spot in the lineup, he leads the team in average and is among the top producers in home runs and RBIs.

Want to hear a funny story about Ruiz? Good luck. He has been playing here for seven years, and there are none. From the 2008 championship team, we have lady-killer Pat Burrell, Hollywood Cole Hamels and Mr. Cool, Jimmy Rollins. All Ruiz has done is get the big hits, make the big plays and win the big games. Let's not forget that Ruiz won Game 3 of the 2008 World Series with a clutch hit in the ninth inning. The Phils never lost again.

Ruiz is the embodiment of quiet efficiency, and that's why fans just nod and appreciate him — a spectacular teammate, a spectacular leader, a spectacular contributor to a thrilling era.

How this puzzling season will end is anybody's guess, but there's one thing you can rely on. No one will be more important to their success.

# Idle thoughts from Cataldi

**1** **Drop the kids off already.** Call me a Grinch if you must, but Doug Collins dragging his grandkids into postgame news conferences is really getting annoying. Would a CEO bring his kids into a boardroom? For every big meeting? Somebody needs to tell Collins that the kids are cute, but enough already.

**2** **Hit him where it hurts.** The decision to dock tackle Jason Peters $3.25 million because of the mishap that has led to two Achilles surgeries is simple. The Eagles don't believe he hurt himself working out. And why would they think that? Because he rarely works out in the offseason, that's why.

**3** **Karma chameleons.** Just when it appeared that GM Paul Holmgren was a genius for trading Mike Richards and Jeff Carter, what happens? Richards and Carter are on the verge of the Stanley Cup finals with the L.A. Kings. Ugh. For what it's worth, I'll be rooting hard for the party boys NOT to win it all.

# Bryce Harper, face of a budding NL East rivalry

## Nationals rookie phenom already Phillies nemesis ◗ Embracing role in baseball's new grudge match ◗ Credits Philly fans passion, welcomes boos

Before Cole Hamels drilled Bryce Harper with a fastball in the back, the Phillies were throwing verbal darts at the Nationals' rookie phenom.

"Golden boy is up," Shane Victorino said while a Nationals game was broadcast last month. The Flyin' Hawaiian was goofing on Harper, as he stepped to the plate for the first time.

"What is he, 3-for-2?," Cliff Lee cracked.

The 19-year-old future of the Nationals laughed heartily when informed of Lee's joke.

"It's unbelievable playing against guys you grew up watching," Harper told Metro. "You see guys like Cliff Lee, Roy Halladay and Chase Utley, and it's like, 'Wow, I'm really up here playing with these guys.' I just try to take everything in stride and take one day a time."

Harper isn't just impressive on the diamond. He's also a star in the classroom. Apparently, Harper aced his media relations session. He's saying all the right things and using cliches like he sports eye black. He predictably downplayed tonight's rematch versus Hamels.

"I've put that all behind me, definitely," Harper said. "Hamels is a great pitcher. He's an All-Star. He does everything right. He's a bulldog. You just try to go out there and get a 'W' and not worry about anything around you."

The Phillies' animosity might be driven by Harper's perceived lack of respect for the game. He infamously blew a kiss at a pitcher after taking him deep in a minor league game. Odds are, he's not likely to do that to Hamels.

"It's fun playing here," Harper said. "They have a great fan base in Philadelphia. Win or lose, they have a packed house. All of that [the boos directed his way] is no big deal. I'm looking forward to coming up here and playing here in front of them for years to come."

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▶ Harper stroked a triple and knocked in two runs last night off Phillies ace Roy Halladay. He said it's fun playing in Philadelphia.

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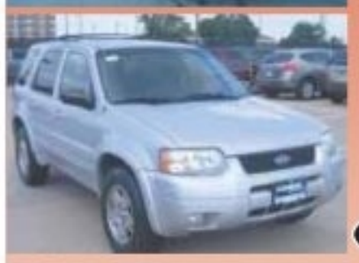
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# Sixers facing elimination, itching to get back to Boston

In the words of the late Donna Summer, will tonight be the Sixers "Last Dance?"

Don't ask Doug Collins. He's thinking of something totally different. Like 1982, when he witnessed the Sixers shock Larry Bird and the Celtics at Boston Garden in Game 7. He was quick to inform his too-young-to-know-any-better-team that they have a shot at a similar feat.

"The big thing I said to them was, 'How bad do you want to go back there for Game 7?'", said Collins yesterday, after his team watched film of all their fatal Game 5 mistakes. "You can throw up all the odds against teams winning a seventh game on the road. But I went back and pulled up the ghosts of Celtics past in 1982. Now we have the same opportunity, if we give ourselves a chance [today]."

For that to happen the Sixers can't let Rajon Rondo continuously set up teammates for dunks and wide-open jumpers, the way he did with Brandon Bass and Kevin Garnett in Game 5. They also can't afford 15 turnovers, many resulting in Celtics' hoops at the other end.

And they need to use the energy of the crowd, or those "fair-weather" fans as described by Garnett, to set the tone and make it a memorable night.

"They took it to another level on defense [in Game 5] and were able to get out on the break," said point guard Jrue Holiday, who turned it over four times during a key stretch in the third quarter. "Those are things we need to do on our court. We have to want it more than they do, so we have to go out and fight for it. At this point, you can't think about this might be the last game."

Besides, their coach doesn't want them thinking that way.

"I don't know why we should even talk about elimination games," said Collins. "An elimination game to me is negative."

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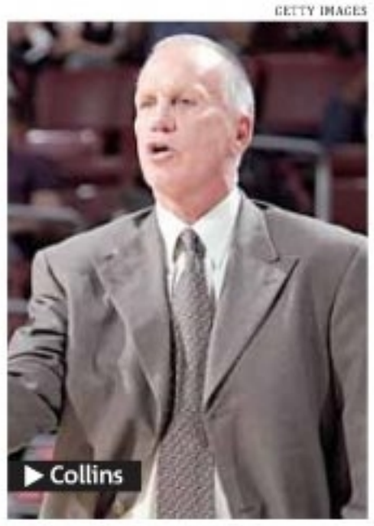
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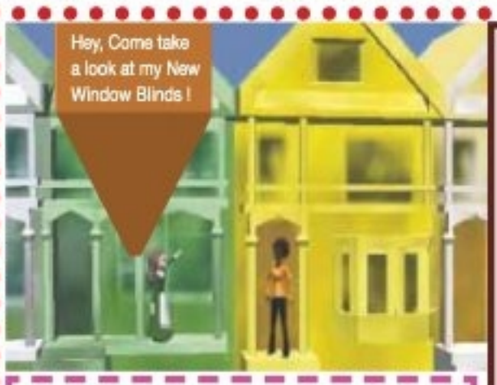

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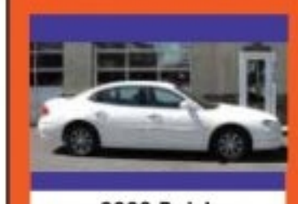
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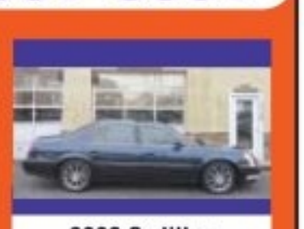
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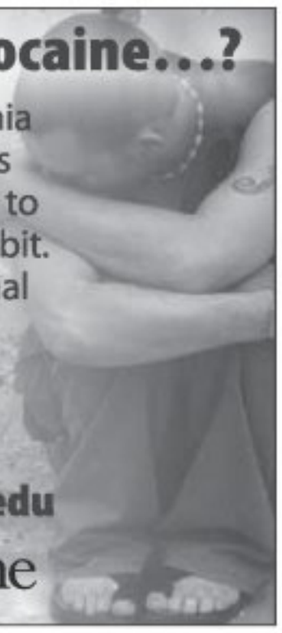

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▶ Kyle Schuneman shows an apartment some California love.

Kyle Schuneman wants to help you think inside the box — that is, the miniscule one-bedroom that commands half of your monthly income. Earlier this month, Hautelook.com asked the 26-year-old interior designer (recently named a "Tastemaker" by Los Angeles Magazine) to make over three typically small New York City apartments in his signature California style. The challenge, he said, was to conjure a coastal theme in a small space "without making it feel like a seafood restaurant." Select items from these makeovers are on sale today and tomorrow at Hautelook.com.

Schuneman, whose book "The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces" publishes this August, chatted with us about how to invite some much-needed West Coast ease into our often-cramped East Coast quarters.

**How do you define West Coast style?**

I think it's casual, I think it's approachable. I think if you look at it and it's effortless, and it doesn't feel like it's designed by anyone specific and it just feels organic, then that's really California for you.

**So the size constraints of the typical East Coast apartment aren't a problem?**

Not at all. California is full of an eclectic mix; I think it's important to embrace that and find your own style. It's all about feeling — if people stop by, they can come in and it's warm and inviting. It doesn't feel uptight.

**Can West Coasters take any tips from East Coasters?**

You guys do crazy things with your storage, so I've learned a lot about using every nook and cranny. You have such beautiful architecture to pull from, but you don't have the luxury of space. So you have a very structured approach to design, and I think that it can be really mixed well with California style at the same time.

**What inspired you to focus on small spaces?**

I grew up in a 1,200-square-foot apartment with four people; my parents turned the master bedroom into another bedroom and turned the closet into my sister's room. ... I think you guys have constraints, but they're creative constraints. I think that having a box to work in is sometimes easier than having an unlimited space. Think from an architect's point of view, start with function and build from there.


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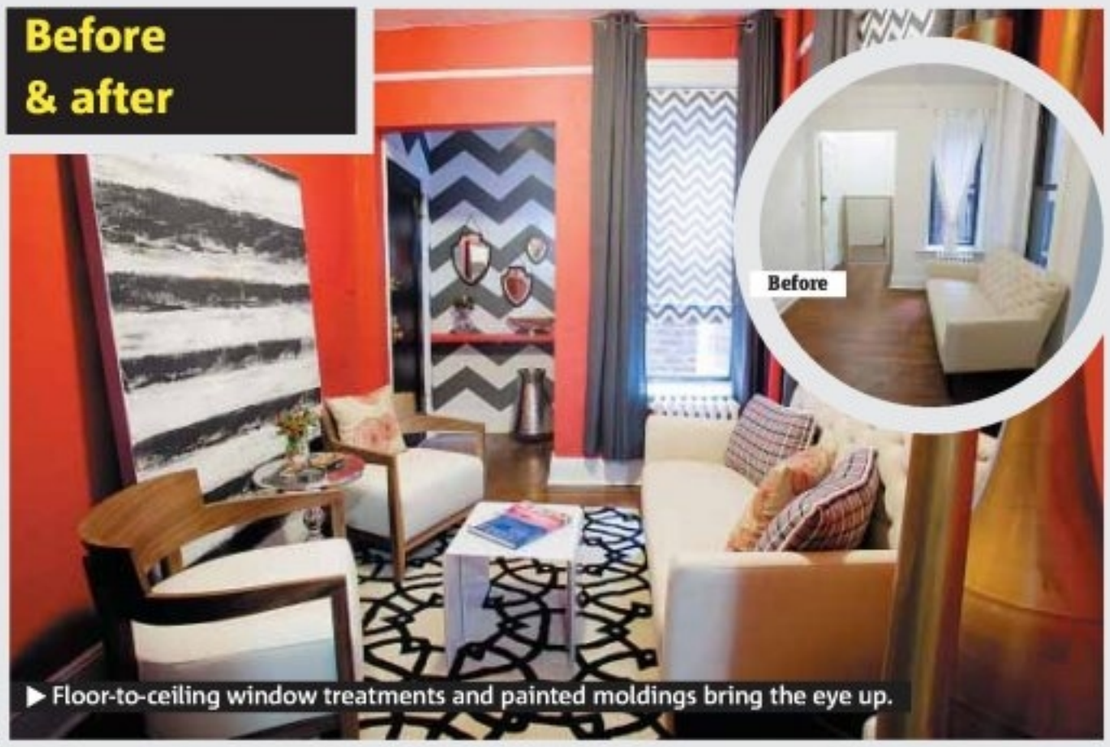


▶ Floor-to-ceiling window treatments and painted moldings bring the eye up.

▶ Coastal touches bring calm to a small space.

### Kyle's tips for small spaces:

1. **"Everything has to function at least twice."** Choose furniture that also functions as storage.
2. **"Think of your rug as your fifth wall."** Aggressive wall colors and patterns can make a small space feel smaller. Keep your walls neutral and go wild with your floor coverings.
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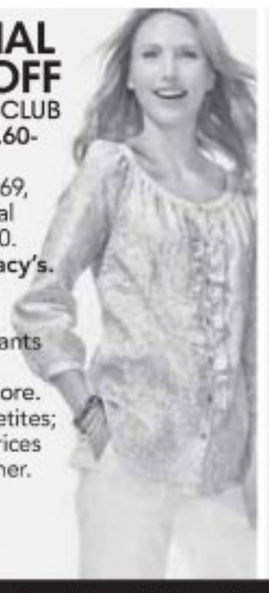

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